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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (GYANENDRA)

SUBJECT: PRINCE GYANENDRA VISIT TO U.S.

1. SEPTTEL REPORTS WORD WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR KHATRI ABOUT PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO U.S. BY PRINCE GYANENDRA AND HIS REQUEST FOR CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD IN DECEMBER. FOR PREPARATION OF A MEMO TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON THIS, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A CALL FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH NEPAL.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT AS A GENERAL RULE THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT RECEIVE RELATIVES OF CHIEFS OF STATE WHO LIKE GYANENDRA HOLD NO OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE. THE NORMAL PRACTICE, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED LAST YEAR WHEN KING'S SISTER VISITED, IS SIMPLY TO ARRANGE A SPECIAL TOUR OF THE WHITE HOUSE. ON SOME OCCASIONS A CALL ON THE VICE PRESIDENT CAN BE ARRANGED. OF COURSE, IF THE PRESIDENT WISHES, A CALL CAN BE ARRANGED

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ALTHOUGH I AM TOLD THIS IS UNUSUAL.

2. NATURALLY, WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR THE PRINCE'S SCHEDULE IN THE U.S., PARTICULARLY IN SAN DIEGO AREA. INCIDENTALLY, BILL CODUS WAS AT THE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR BLACK AND THEY BOTH SEND YOU THEIR VERY BEST. ROBINSON

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